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(Case No. 00-1278)

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In the Application of:)

Lawton, et al.)

Serial No.: 09/765,739)

Filed: January 18, 2001)

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: V. Ford

For: Compositions and Methods for Detection of *Ehrlichia Canis* and *Ehrlichia Chaffeensis* Antibodies)

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed along with a request for continued examination in the above-mentioned case. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this amendment; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account 13-2490.

Please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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21. (Amended) A device containing one or more polypeptides selected from the group consisting of the polypeptides shown in SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, and phenotypically silent amino acid substitution variants thereof.